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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Saunders, Jeffrey O., et al.
Application No. : 10/671,967 Confirmation No. : 7271
Filed : September 25, 2003
For : INHIBITORS OF IMPDH ENZYME
Group Art Unit : 1624
Examiner : Kahsay Habte, Ph.D.

New York, New York
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview on December 16, 2004 with James F. Haley, Jr. (Reg. No. 27,794).

On December 16, 2004, Mr. Haley held a telephonic interview with Examiner Habte in connection with a restriction requirement that the Examiner issued in the above-referenced

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case on June 8, 2004. Applicants had elected the subject matter of claims 19-38 (directed to compositions and methods of use) for examination on the merits in their Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement submitted on December 8, 2004 in the above-identified case. Examiner Habte asked and Mr. Haley agreed on December 16 to further restrict methods of use from compositions for examination on the merits. However, they agreed that methods of use would be rejoined should claims directed toward compositions be found allowable, in view of the Federal Circuit's opinion in *In re Ochiai* 71 F.3d 1565, 37 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995).

Respectfully submitted,



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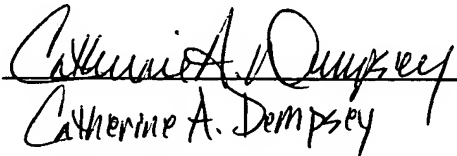
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- (1) Interview Summary;
- (2) Postcard.